

MARYPORT TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee held on Monday 9 October 2023 at the Town Hall, Senhouse Street, Maryport, at 7.00pm.

Present

Councillor S Ashworth	Councillor C Bell
Councillor I Greaney	Councillor G Hampson
Councillor J Hastewell	Councillor P Hetherington
Councillor G Kemp	Councillor C McCarron Holmes
Councillor S Merrin	Councillor G Mitchell
Councillor D Peggs	Councillor W Pegram
Councillor L Radcliffe	Councillor C Slater, (Chairman)

In Attendance

P Bramley, (Clerk)
Mrs L Douglas, (Clerk)
V Patterson, (Press)
Mr S Parnaby, (Maryport Business Group)

39/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Copeland, V Cuthbert & J Newton.

40/23 Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest was received from Councillors J Hastewell, Item 6(3), Personal, & W Pegram, Personal, as a member of Cumberland Council Area Development Panel.

41/23 Requests for Dispensation

A request for dispensation to speak on Item 6(3), was received from Councillor J Hastewell.

Resolved that the request be agreed.

42/23 Minutes of Meeting held on 4 September 2023

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2023 be agreed, & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

43/23 Presentation from S Parnaby, Chairman of Maryport Business Group

Mr Parnaby advised that in support of the Maryport regeneration scheme, a number of sub-groups had been established to support the regeneration team in delivery, carry out public consultations, including public votes where appropriate, & consider the future use & maintenance of the project. The sub-groups were as follows:

- The Wave
- Promenade
- Adventure Playground
- Streetscape
- Harbourside

He reported on progress on the different projects & asked for members to volunteer as members of the groups to ensure that the Town Council was well represented.

Mr Parnaby reported that the offer of free paint to town centre premises for decorating buildings continued to be popular & a fresh order for paint had been placed. He advised that the Maryport Business Group was drawing up a list of empty properties in the town centre & establishing their ownership, with a view to supporting potential businesses in acquiring premises.

Mr Parnaby reported that a meeting to discuss the operations of the Taste of the Sea Festival 2023 was still to be held, & that improvements were required for the 2024 festival.

Resolved that the report be noted.

44/23 Planning Applications

Resolved that the following observations against each planning application be forwarded to the appropriate Planning authority:

1) HOU/2023/0150	Single storey extension J Hereld 4 Woodlands Drive Maryport No Objections
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2) FUL/2023/0198	Replace Windows W McMaster 5 Ritson Wharf Maryport No Objections
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3) FUL/2023/0059	Conversion of former Police Station
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into 7 apartments, demolition of stores to erect one bungalow, demolish stables to create 2 houses.

Emporium Homes Ltd
Former Police Station
Eaglesfield Street
Maryport

No Objections subject to effective measures for boundary lines being taken, effective parking arrangements made & arrangements for dealing with roosting bats being taken

4) HOU/2023/0165 Extension to ground floor for wet room, and to include lift to first floor for disabled access

Mr Gunn
107 Sycamore Road
Maryport

No Objections

5) FUL/2023/0213

Change of use from Class E, (Community theatre) (café, soft play) and move existing entrance

Steve Holt, Cumberland Council
The Wave
Irish Street
Maryport

No Objections

45/23 Planning Decision Notices

Resolved that the following planning decisions be noted:

1) _____ HOU/2023/2023/0135 Replacement of 6 wooden sliding sash windows with UPVC sliding sash

Stuart Harker
23 Curzon Street
Maryport

APPROVED

2) LBC/2023/0016

Listed building consent exterior works

Mario Delyfer
Station Inn
Flat 2
Main Road
Maryport

APPROVED

3) FUL/2023/0174

Change of use from allotments to storage yard
P Routledge
Fielders Field
Grasslot
Maryport
APPROVED

46/23 Correspondence

Resolved that the schedule of correspondence be received & noted & that, further to a letter received from the owners of a flat at Ritson Wharf, Mr & Mrs Higham of Belper requesting improvements to empty shops, advice be given that responsibility for such matters rested with Cumberland Council.:

47/23 Maryport Regeneration

It was noted that Mr Parnaby had updated the committee on Maryport Regeneration earlier in the meeting, (Minute 43/23).

48/23 Mill Race Lanning Lights

Resolved that the Council seek permission from the Maryport Harbour & Marina Authority to arrange for a contractor to investigate & advise on the required repairs to Mill Race Lanning lighting, with a view to ensure their effective operation.

Items for Next Agenda

None received.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date